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* Encourage students to read for pleasure.
* Begin a thoughtful dialogue about literature.
* Provide students with an opportunity to think critically about literature and practice reading strategies.
* Build relationships between students, teachers and parents that will strengthen our school community.

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* Be considerate.
* Ask questions.
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